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## TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD, CT

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**EAST HARTFORD, CT** –East Hartford Emergency Operations Center will close later this afternoon, after three days of operation. Oversight of the response and restoration efforts will be managed from Town Hall. Town crews worked through the night to make all streets safe and passable.

The Town of East Hartford's Emergency Operations Center has been open and operational since Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Marcia Leclerc signed into effect a Declaration of Civil Preparedness.

East Hartford Public Works Department continues to clear roads and debris in conjunction with Connecticut Light & Power so that power restoration work can be completed as quickly as possible.

As the Town of East Hartford continues to work on power restoration with CL&P, residents should know that the Town stands ready to address the debris left in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

To assist residents with the disposal of brush and tree limb debris, the Mayor has authorized extended hours of operation at the Town Transfer Station located on Ecology Drive. Residents are able to drop off brush, tree limbs and storm related debris at the Transfer Station beginning immediately. Extended hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, from 7:15 AM to 2:45 PM, and Saturday and Sunday, from 8:00 AM to 1:45 PM, and will continue through November 10<sup>th</sup>. During this time, a Landfill Permit will not be required for storm related debris.

In order to keep leaf pickup on schedule, there will be NO curbside pickup of storm related debris. Leaf pickup will remain as scheduled beginning on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Residents may choose to bring leaves to the Town transfer station on their own if they desire.

As you know, trash and recycling pick-up was cancelled for Monday and Tuesday. However, trash and recycling will resume on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, operating on a two day delay. For example, if your scheduled pickup was Monday, then your new pickup day will be Wednesday. If your pick-up was Tuesday then your new pick-up

day will be Thursday, and so on through the weekend, including Sunday. Beginning Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, trash and recycling pickup will return to its normal scheduled collection.

At this time no decision has been made regarding the resumption of school. Several schools remain without power. Please look out for additional information as it becomes available regarding school closings.

The lobby of the East Hartford Public Safety Complex, located at 31 School Street, remains available 24 hours to Town residents in need of warming and charging. Given the current level of outages, together with the anticipated weather, a decision has been made not to open the shelter.

A flu vaccine clinic will be held at the South End Senior Center, located at 70 Canterbury Street, on November 30, 2011. Vaccinations are free to Town residents over the age of 55.

The Town of East Hartford Citizens Academy will be held as scheduled.

For police, fire, and medical emergencies call **911** and for non life-threatening issues contact the Public Safety Complex at **860-528-4401**.

For storm related messages call **860-291-7657**.

Citizens requiring further assistance or information should call **2-1-1** Infoline.

Updated information is also available on the town website [www.easthartfordct.gov](http://www.easthartfordct.gov) home page listed under **Updated Emergency Information**.